

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REQUESTING FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY THROUGH THE ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY FOR A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, energy costs in Boston are substantially above other parts of the country which results in a comparative economic disadvantage for our community; and

WHEREAS, the cost of energy has become a burdensome proportion of family housing costs; and

WHEREAS, the cost of energy to the City of Boston has increased severalfold in recent years causing additional tax burdens; and

WHEREAS, conventional energy resources are limited and are being rapidly depleted; and

WHEREAS, more efficient consumption of energy resources will help to ameliorate some of the problems associated with energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive energy planning and management undertaken through the leadership of the Boston Redevelopment Authority would promote energy efficiency and have community-wide benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority is Boston's city planning agency under State statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has requested the Boston Redevelopment Authority to seek funds to undertake a Comprehensive Community Energy Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy through the Argonne National Laboratory is making funds available to cities who are interested in establishing a Comprehensive Community Energy Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Board of the Boston Redevelopment Authority urges the Argonne National Laboratory to provide Boston adequate funds to undertake a Comprehensive Community Energy Management Program.
2. That the Board hereby expresses its desire to participate, as appropriate, in the development of Boston's energy action plan.
3. That the Director is hereby authorized to request funds from the Argonne National Laboratory.

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

May 25, 1978

FROM: ROBERT F. WALSH, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Community Energy Management Program

Attached for your review and approval is a resolution which authorizes the Director to seek funds from the Department of Energy through the Argonne National Laboratory to initiate comprehensive energy planning in Boston.

The cost of energy in Boston is a very significant factor affecting the social and economic well being of the city. More efficient use of our energy resources would result in benefits throughout the community. If the funds requested are made available the BRA, with the participation of energy suppliers, private business, consumers, and state and federal representatives will develop an energy action plan with the objective of maximizing energy efficiency throughout the city. This project will be undertaken by the Boston Redevelopment Authority in cooperation with the city's Energy Office and the Public Facilities Department.

Participation in this project could put Boston in the forefront of the Department of Energy programs and in a leadership role in comprehensive energy planning. It is therefore recommended that the Authority authorize the Director to apply to the Argonne National Laboratory for funds to undertake a comprehensive community energy management program.

An appropriate resolution is attached.

Attachment

